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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (DIGGS, CHARLES)

SUBJ: CODEL DIGGS

1. MLSTP LIBREVILLE INFORMED CHARGE JULY 8 THAT THERE HAS BEEN CHANGE IN PLANS FOR INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES. WHILE BULK OF FESTIVITIES WILL STILL BE HELD ON JULY 12, MOST IMPORTANT CEREMONY WILL BE ACTUAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND FLAG CEREMONY AT MIDNIGHT JULY 11, SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS DONE IN MOZAMBIQUE. MLSTP LIBREVILLE BELIEVES LODGING WOULD BE AVAILABLE JULY 11 FOR FIVE MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION (FOUR CODEL PLUS ONE) INSTEAD OF ONE MEMBER ORIGINALLY INVITED, BUT WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT SAO TOME JULY 8 TO CONFIRM. HAVE BEEN PROMISED ANSWER RE LODGING BY 1500 JULY 9. ALTHOUGH THERE IS ONE 20-ROOM HOTEL, LODGING IF AVAILABLE WOULD MOST LIKELY BE IN FORMER PORTUGUESE HOMES IN SAO TOME.

2. CHARTER FLIGHT PLANNED FOR MORNING OF JULY 11 (MOST LIKELY 1000) TO TAKE OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO SAO TOME. THERE IS ALSO COMMERCIAL AIR GABON FLIGHT WHICH LEAVES LIBREVILLE JULY 11 AT 1700, ARRIVING SAO TOME AT 1635. EMBASSY HAS RESERVED SIX SEATS ON THIS FLIGHT. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY STILL HAS SMALL CHARTER PLANE RESERVED FOR 0800 JULY 12 WITH RETURN AT 1700.

2. CODEL HAS TWO PRINCIPAL OPTIONS:

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A. IF LODGING AVAILABLE, CODEL COULD LEAVE LIBREVILLE  
ON AIR GABON FLIGHT AT 1700 JULY 11 IN ORDER TO ATTEND  
MIDNIGHT CEREMONY.

B. ALTERNATIVELY, CODEL COULD TAKE CHARTER PLANE MORNING  
OF JULY 12, MISSING MIDNIGHT CEREMONY BUT PARTICIPATING IN  
BULK OF FESTIVITIES. IN EITHER CASE, RETURN WOULD BE  
BY CHARTER PLANE EVENING OF JULY 12. (FYI. AMBASSADOR  
MOORE PLANNING ON OPTION A.)

3. RE LIBREVILLE SCHEDULE, CODEL HAS FIRM APPOINTMENT  
WITH SECRETARY OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
REKANGALT FOR 0930 JULY 11. APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME  
MINISTER MEBIAME ALSO EXPECTED IN MORNING. PRESIDENT  
BONGO NOW SCHEDULED TO RETURN LIBREVILLE MORNING OF  
JULY 10 AND REPORTEDLY WILL DEPART FOR SAO TOME VERY  
EARLY MORNING JULY 12. MOST KEY MINISTERS EXPECTED TO  
RETURN WITH PRESIDENT, THUS THERE POSSIBILITY THAT  
FURTHER APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED AFTER PRESIDENT'S  
RETURN. WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO FIX APPOINTMENT WITH  
PRESIDENT. CHARGE HAS PLANNED RECEPTION EVENING JULY 11  
BUT COULD BE CANCELLED IF NECESSARY.

4. PLEASE ADVISE NIACT IMMEDIATE INFO YAOUNDE CODEL  
WISHES RE OPTIONS PARAGRAPH 2 SO FINAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN  
BE MADE.

5. CODEL WILL BE STAYING IN AMBASSADOR'S GUEST HOUSE  
AS REQUESTED.  
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